

KENTUCKY BOARD OF ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNSELORS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2016

A special meeting of the Kentucky Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors was conducted on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

Members Present

Geoff Wilson, Chair
Sandra Kelley
Timothy Cesario
Karyn Hascal
Theodore Godlaski

Guest Speaker

Veronica Cecil – Deputy Commissioner, Medicaid

Members Absent

Todd Trumbore, Vice Chair

Call to Order

Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Welcome & Introductions

- Mr. Wilson welcomed the guests to the annual meeting. He thanked the Department of Behavioral Health for the space and snacks for the annual meeting. The attendees were reminded to sign their names on the sign-in sheet in order to receive a CEU for the hour.

Counselor of the Year

- Mr. Wilson announced the Counselor of the Year – Ms. Vonda Napier.

Credential and Supervision Update

- Mr. Wilson indicated that the Board is associated with IC&RC that dictates some of the guidelines that guide the Board's laws and regulations. In order for credential holders to have reciprocity, the Board has to meet their requirements. They are also a great resource for boards and members.
- By May 1, 2017, the Board will have computer based testing with several sites across the region. This will help credential holder candidates in terms of travel and scheduling.
- Mr. Wilson also acknowledged Kelly Walls, Board Administrator (who got a round of applause) and complimented her efficiency and the work that she has accomplished.
- The new credentials came as a result of the passage of the law last year. Mr. Wilson stated that the workforce issues of people who are working with drug and alcohol clients needs to be looked at. The Board has dramatically expanded the number of credential holders. Temporary credentials are now being offered, which will help candidates find the path to a credential with supervision to work with these clients. This process opens the door for growth of the field of providers in this state.
- The grandparenting window will close August 24th, 2016. Eligible applicants must submit their information before the deadline.
- Supervisory Training – Supervisors must attend a 3 hour board conducted clinical supervisor training within one year of being approved as a clinical supervisor. This has been well attended across the state. It helps applicants understand the parameters of clinical supervision (what it is and what it is not). This is a one-time training piece. Supervisors must continue to get continuing education hours (3 Hours) in every three year renewal cycle.
- There is a form and a process for people to submit to be approved as a clinical supervisor. The supervision application and the request to provide supervision can be submitted at the same time.
- Supervision log - Once a year, a supervision log must be submitted to the board. Supervision methods include face to face, video conferencing and tele conferencing. A minimum of 200 hours must be conducted face to face.

- Suicide Assessment/Treatment - The training needed to be completed prior to July 1, 2016. As people send in renewals, that training needs to be documented. Cautioned people to be aware that only certain trainings meet the requirement of the law.
- Update of credential holders: LCADC – 370 people have been licensed and we have another 70 who are in the process of being licensed. There are 557 CADCs, 320 temporary CADCs, and 40 temporary peer support specialists.
- Question: Do we need to keep the CADC active if you are already licensed?
Answer: We are encouraging people to keep both credentials (for Medicaid billing purposes only).
- Question: Are CEUs accrued prior to getting your current credentials going to count toward renewal.
Answer: Yes.
- Master's in Communication did not qualify for the LCADC because of the behavioral health with a clinical application. Mr. Wilson pointed out that this was a requirement dictated by IC&RC. The Kentucky board has to abide by the IC&RC requirements.
- Master's Degree needs to be a 60 hour degree (or 30 hr advanced placement) in a behavioral science with a clinical application.

Update Regarding LCADCs and Medicaid Reimbursement

- Mr. Wilson introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Veronica Cecil, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Medicaid.
- Medicaid is supportive of the LCADC. Gave background for Medicaid – 1.3 million participants. 90% are in managed care plans. The expansion included behavioral health. Prior to January 2014, there was a limited benefit. The national CMS basically tells the state what the rules are, then there are state regulations and system changes. It takes time and a process to include and change anything. It doesn't matter if judges court order clients into treatment but from the Medicaid perspective, it has to be a credentialed professional to do an assessment, diagnosis and treatment plan to be able to pay for a service.
- The expansion included the addition of provider types including BHSOs, the multi-provider specialty group, non-licensed providers (CADC and peer support specialists). Ms. Cecil stated they have LCADC, CADC and PSS. They have to get approval of CMS for a change to the SPA. They have submitted that amendment to CMS and it is currently pending. The state has no idea how long it might take to get the SPA approved. Medicaid calls the PSS a Substance Use Specialist.
- CMHCs, BHSOs and LCADCs can bill Medicaid. Enrollment will open for LCADCs in a number of settings - CMHC, CD treatment center, out-patient centers, level 1 & 2 PRTF and a psychiatric hospital. Services can only be provided in these settings.
- There is a disconnect with the Medicaid regulations and the AODE regulations. PSS can provide services in an Outpatient psych hospital. Only LCADCs need to enroll in Medicaid. All other providers need to be under supervision so they do not need to enroll.
- For every provider type, the Medicaid website has the requirements for enrolling in Medicaid. LCADC are provider type #67. If a credential holder wants to provide a service in a different setting, other than the approved setting for a LCADC, you must keep your CADC and follow their standards.
- Helpful Hints: Make sure that applications are filled out correctly. Every question must be answer with something. They cannot assume an answer. All the names on the documents need to match.
- NPI – everyone has to have an NPI number. Then one must have to have a taxonomy which identifies the types of services that you provide. Be sure to sign the form. Being enrolled in Medicaid is different than being credentialed by an MCO. Every five years, providers will have to be re-verified.
- Medicaid audits on a regular basis – looking at utilization, documents, etc. If it isn't documented, it wasn't provided. The documentation must support the codes that were billed. You have to meet the coding requirements. Be sure to dispute all questions which reserves the right to appeal. If you don't dispute a denied claim, then you lose the right of appeal.
- Question from the audience: Will the MCOs be prepared to accept LCADCs when the SPA is approved?
Answer: They need to be in sync with Medicaid.
- Question from the audience: Is the CADC still a marketable credential?
Answer: Yes they remain part of the billable entities as long as they are under supervision.
- Question: If CMS approves the LCADC.
Answer: The governor may file an E-regulation to allow LCADCs to bill Medicaid.
- Mr. Wilson stated that the information will be posted on the ADC website. He reminded credential holders to please remember to go on the website and create a user name and password.

Travel

Ms. Kelley made a motion to approve payment of travel expenses for eligible members. Mr. Cesario seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Regular Board Meeting – August 5, 2016

Adjourn

Ms. Hascal made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kelley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Minutes taken by Karen Hascal, Board Member

Minutes prepared by Kelly Walls, Board Administrator